

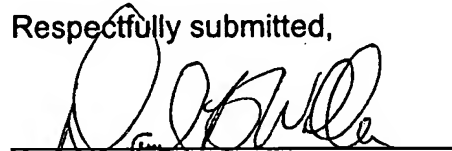
- VI. Claims 17 and 18 drawn to compounds and their methods of use, classified in class 564, subclass 256;
- VII. Claims 19, 20 and 47, drawn to compounds and their methods of use, classified in class 546, subclass 306; and
- VIII. Claims 21 and 48, drawn to compounds and their methods of use, classified in class 564, subclass 256.

In response to this Restriction Requirement, Applicant elects Group II comprising Claims 5-7, 32, 35, 38, 49 and 52 without traverse. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner delete claims 1-4, 8-31, 33, 34, 36, 37, 39-48, 50, 51 and 53 and examine the claims of Group II.

REMARKS

In item 9 the Examiner states that the preliminary amendment previously filed in the parent application 09/815,978 will not be acted upon in this application because the amendment filed in the parent application does not carry over to the child applications. Consequently, Applicant is resubmitting this preliminary amendment under the correct heading to make it clear that they are to be acted upon in this application. Since this preliminary amendment was first filed with the parent application on 22 March 2001, Applicant would like the Examiner to apply this preliminary amendment to the divisional application first and then apply the preliminary amendment submitted with the divisional application on 24 November 2003 to assure the proper chronological order for the application of these amendments in the prosecution history. Applicant is also providing a sequence listing and Information Disclosure Statement from the parent application under the proper heading so that they may also be acted upon in this application.

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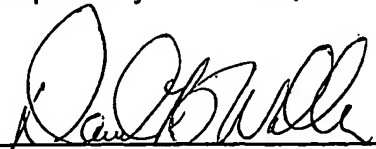
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